

Butte Department.

AND THE STARS FELL

Weird Pranks of Meteors in the Heavens Yesterday Morning.

DAZZLING SHOWER OF FIRE

As Thick As Snow Flakes the Blazing Balls Drive through Space, illuminating the Face of the earth.

People who were fortunate enough to be up at an early hour yesterday morning witnessed one of the most interesting celestial phenomena ever displayed to wandering eyes. It was a meteoric shower or a bombardment of the earth by shooting stars, a phenomena which occurs with regularity every 30 years, and was due on the night of Nov. 13. Very few people in Butte were aware of the coming event and those who witnessed it were not prepared for it and the sight made them tremble. Several persons who saw it say the shower commenced, or was noticed first, about 5 o'clock and continued for about an hour. The sky was clear with the exception of a bank of clouds around the horizon. At first there were a few shooting stars and then suddenly the whole heavens lit up with a flash like lightning and it grew brighter and brighter until there appeared across the whole sky a trail of fire like the tail of a huge comet and from it in all directions shot stars or meteors. The light gradually formed itself into a long streak like lightning and then moved in a slow zig-zag, snake-like movement across the heavens and finally shaped itself into a perfect letter "Z," in which form it remained for a long time and then slowly faded away. During all this time there were numerous shooting stars and the whole earth was lighted up almost as bright as day. The display lasted for the greater part of an hour, but the great light described was of much shorter duration. The phenomena frightened many people and several instances are related where horses were almost paralyzed with fear at the strange sight.

The event was foretold by astronomers. The shooting stars appear to emanate from the constellation Leo, not far from the star Zeta. This shower of stars will be repeated more abundantly next year, and even more abundantly still in 1898, and will attain its maximum in 1899. Here is the explanation of the phenomena:

A swarm of millions of meteoric corpuscles circulates round the sun along a very elongated orbit, which extends as far as Uranus, and takes about 33 years to travel. This immense celestial highway is strongly inclined to the track of the earth follows in its yearly travel round the sun, but cuts our terrestrial orbit at the spot where our planet passes on Nov. 14.

We only expect to encounter this swarm every 33 years. But it is disseminated along its orbit over a vast extent of space, of millions of kilometers, so that the passage of these migratory birds of the heavens lasts many years, almost during the same period, for every year more shooting stars are observed coming from this point of emanation than from the other regions of space. The shower is to be also other centers of condensation.

The main body of this celestial army will reach us in 1898. Nevertheless astronomers are preparing to study with the greatest attention on Nov. 14 next what passes through the sky, so as to complete their knowledge of one of the newest and most curious chapters of contemporary astronomy—the relations existing between comets and shooting stars.

The first scientific observation of the phenomena was made by Humboldt and Bonpland, at Cumana, Venezuela, during the night between Nov. 11 and 12, 1798. A veritable shower of shooting stars appeared to appear before midnight and acquired increasing intensity until 4 o'clock in the morning, and then diminished by degrees till daylight. Bonpland asserted that there was not a space in the sky equal to three diameters of the moon that was not seen at every instant filled with shooting stars. It is said to be a fact, however, that the November meteors have been in the solar system only 2,622 years. They wandered into our neighborhood of space in the year 126 B. C., and the planet Uranus "ran them in," according to the expression of the police, so changing their orbit by the effect of his attraction that from that time forth they have continued to revolve around the sun. Once in every 33 and a quarter years they cross the orbit of the earth just at the time, about the 14th of November, when the earth itself arrives at the crossing place. Then they burst into momentary flame as they rush through the air, and, on the average, are destroyed before they have descended nearer than 40 or 50 miles from the surface of the ground. Years afterwards we may take them in imperceptible particles into our lungs, as their dust and ashes slowly sink through the air. But the total quantity of dust derived by the earth from this source is so small as to defy exact measurement.

The most famous display of the November meteors was in 1833, when so great a terror spread over the plantations of the southern states, then crowded with negro slaves, that the awful scene is recalled with a shudder by the few who have survived to our time. As thick as snow flakes, the blazing meteors drove through the sky, illuminating the face of the earth with a far-extending glare, as if the world had been on fire; and the ignorant actually believed that it was on fire, and that the judgment day had come "like a thief in the night."

In 1846 and 1867 there were other displays hardly less wonderful. It was after these later spectacles that astronomers made the discovery that there is a comet traveling in the same orbit with the meteors. This comet was seen in 1862, and will probably be seen again in 1899. Indeed, the meteors and the comet are no doubt parts of one original assemblage of small bodies, which was wandering among the stars for millions of years before it approached our star, the sun, and, falling under the influence of the planet Uranus, was fixed forever in the solar system.

What was at first a comparatively dense and closely packed swarm has now been spread out into a long procession, so that it occupies two or three years in passing the place where the orbit of the meteors and the orbit of the comet cross one another. And some of the meteors have become scattered all along their orbit, making a complete elliptical ring around the sun, so that every year the earth encounters a few of them at the meeting point of the orbits. But still the vast majority of the meteors remain bunched together, and it is this bunch which once in about 33 years meets the earth. The meteors seen this week may be regarded as the pioneers and scouts of the oncoming meteoric army whose 33 years' march around the sun has once more been nearly completed.

At every encounter with the earth the meteoric army is decimated, and it resumes its march not only fewer in num-

bers but more scattered and disorganized in its array. The earth receives no harm, for luckily all of these meteors, or almost all, appear to be exceedingly small bodies which are unable to penetrate to the bottom of the atmosphere before being destroyed by the heat which their own fierce speed develops.

IN THE CHURCHES TO-DAY.

Church services will be held in Butte to-day as follows:

St. John's Episcopal Church—S. C. Blackiston, rector. Holy communion at 10:30 morning prayer and sermon at 11; evening prayer and sermon at 7:30; Sunday school at 12:30.

Baptist Church—J. E. Nofstinger, pastor. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; morning subject, "A Living Magnet;" evening subject, "A Question of the Day;" Sunday school after morning service; Young People's meeting at 6:30 p. m. Everybody welcome.

Walcerville M. E. Church—Sunday services: Sunday school at 2 p. m.; preaching at 3:15; the Junior league will occupy the pulpit in the evening; prayer meeting Tuesday evening at 7:30; Epworth league meeting Thursday evening at 7:30. All the ladies of Walcerville that are interested in the Ladies' Aid society are requested to meet at the parsonage on Thursday, Nov. 19, at 2:30 p. m. Important business.

South Butte and Meaderville M. E. Church—Rev. J. Hosking, pastor. Services at South Butte: Morning at 11 o'clock; evening, at 7:30; Sunday school at 2:30 p. m.; preaching by the pastor. Meaderville—Sunday school at 2:30 p. m.; Epworth league at 7 p. m.; Harry Colmstock, leader; preaching at 7:30 p. m. by Rev. Glidden. Everybody invited.

Swedish Lutheran Church—Services in the Congregational church on West Granite street at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. N. E. Olson, pastor.

M. E. Church, South—Corner of Gele-na and Idaho; preaching at 11 and 7:30; Sunday school at 10; League at 6:30. S. B. Taber, pastor.

Scandinavian M. E. Church—Corner Copper and Alaska streets, P. N. Melby, pastor. Services to-day at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.; Sunday school at 2 o'clock p. m.; prayer and class meeting on Wednesday evening. All are welcome.

First Presbyterian Church—Rev. E. J. Greenock, pastor. Services at the Auditorium at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday school at 12:15; Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30 p. m. All are cordially invited.

German Lutheran Church—Corner of Silver and Dakota streets, M. Hudtloff, pastor. Services to-day at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.; Sunday school at 10 a. m.

Immanuel Presbyterian Church—J. Newton Roberts, pastor. Services at East Mercury street: Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Endeavor meeting at 6:30 p. m.; Sunday school at 2:30 p. m.; prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. All are welcome.

There will be preaching in the Presbyterian church, South Butte, to-night at 7:30 o'clock.

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Lon Hess, manager of the store of Gans & Klein, received a dispatch yesterday announcing the probable fatal illness of his father at Hamilton, Ohio. Mr. Hess left for that city on yesterday's afternoon train.

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All wool clay worsted fly front suits ten dollars this week at Boucher's.

Home-manufactured Ready Mixed paints at Schatzlein's, 14 W. Broadway.

The Butte, Anaconda & Pacific railway have tickets on sale at the Great Northern city ticket office, 41 Main street. Street car tickets free.

New designs in wall paper at Schatzlein's, 14 W. Broadway.

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THEY'RE HOME AGAIN

The Football Players Return, Pleased With the Trip.

A CHAT WITH BILLY BRYAN

He is an Old College Player and Takes an Interest in the Game—Ames Will Play Here Next Sunday.

Butte's victorious football team returned home rather unexpectedly yesterday morning, the game with Ames college which was to have been played in Omaha yesterday having been cancelled. The boys are all in good condition barring that tired feeling and a little soreness, and they were delighted to get back home. They said that there was no life like that of Butte in any city which they visited and they began singing "Home, Sweet Home" as soon as they left Lincoln and kept it up until the train pulled into the local depot. The players were delighted over their two great victories, as they have every cause to be, for they worked hard for them. They tried hard and carefully to get in perfect condition and practiced regularly for three hours every evening, rain or shine, for the last two months. Butte has always been proud of its football team and it is doubly so now.

The Ames team will play in Butte a week from to-day and the Buttes will proceed at once to get themselves in perfect condition for a lively contest. Ames would not be played so soon before the games with Reliance were it not for the fact that it is absolutely necessary to play them in order to establish Butte's claims to the championship of the Northwest. The Iowans have stated that if the game is not played they will claim the championship, and this makes it imperative to play them. This year's Ames team is considered to be equally as strong as Reliance, and Manager McMillan's only reason for cancelling the game that was to have been played yesterday was because he did not consider that the Buttes in their tired and sore condition were strong enough to meet them. While they were at Lincoln the boys called on Mr. Bryan in a body and spent a very pleasant evening and took the game at Lincoln, but he was unable to be present. The officials of the Burlington road were especially courteous and considerate and we enjoyed our trip over their road immensely. The boys all slept in the car and reported early in the morning and took the best of care of themselves. They conducted themselves as gentlemen and their appearance and behavior was most favorably commented on everywhere.

"The Denver game was a first-class game and with one exception was one of the cleanest that I have ever seen. All of the members of the team regret, as I do personally, the encounter between McPherson and Toomey, but I don't consider that our man was entirely to blame by any means. It happened in the last 10 minutes of the game and Denver was making desperate efforts to score. They tried our right end twice for a loss. Captain Heller then told Toomey to hold McPherson so that he could get around with the ball. Toomey did as he was told and held McPherson, while Heller went around him with the ball. The officials would not see the foul flag and McPherson cautioned Toomey not to hold him again. The warning was not heeded and the third time Toomey held him McPherson hit him. The supporters of the Denver team admitted that the blow was not struck without cause, and I think that under the conditions I would have done the same as McPherson, although I doubt if I would have been able to hold my temper as long as he did. Aside from this it was one of the prettiest games that I have ever seen, and it was a hard game all through. Our men played like lightning and when Denver would get the ball they would either shove them back or get the ball."

The team came out about even financially on the trip. Had it not been that they were compelled to lay over three days in Lincoln and a day in Omaha, through the cancellation of the first game arranged in Omaha, they would probably have made a little money. Reliance will play in Butte Thanksgiving day and the Sunday following.

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